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1 CHANGES TO EGROUUPS

For the last month Egroups have been including advertisements in the emails sent via Egroups. Discussion groups have the option to have the advertisements as part of the free service or pay about US\$60 per year to have no advertisements. At present AVP-AU is continuing with the free option. Please can any concerns about this be raised on AVP-AUL.

2 2001 NATIONAL GATHERING

AVP Qld is hosting the National Gathering (Natgat) for 2001. Everyone from AVP is welcome, we'd love to see you.

Dates:

- * before Easter 2001
- * arrive at Cosmos Lodge - Sunday 8th April
- * depart Cosmos Lodge - Thursday evening 12th April

Venue:

The venue is called Cosmos Lodge, Mt Nebo. It is approx 20 mins west of The Gap (a Brisbane suburb that is a 20 min drive to the city centre) up Waterworks Rd. on Mt Nebo. There is a track that runs through the owner's 112 acres and across to the Boombala National Park where there is a lovely and wheelchair ok track through the bush. The venue has views to Moreton Bay. It has

comfortable beds for 12, including one double bed. All the other beds are single and dormitory style. There are large areas of lawn around the main building and the small cottage (6 of the single beds are in this cottage). The owner is happy for people to camp on the lawns. There are quite a few places for people to park cars. People who camp will have access to 2 toilets and 2 showers under the main building. There is a large covered outdoor area that could be used for gathering, and the Lodge has a big lounge room with plenty of comfortable sofas etc for meeting as well. The furniture in this room can be removed or arranged as we wish.

Cost:

Cosmos Lodge and the cabin sleeps 12.
Cost \$50 /person /night including food.
Sheets, towels, blankets, toilet paper, soap is provided for those in the Lodge and cabin. Priority given to interstate and/or couples for the double bed. Otherwise, first in gets it.

For those who want a cheaper option:

People are welcome to camp on the lawns around. BYO everything but food.
Cost is \$30 /person/night including food.

Transport:

For people arriving in Brisbane by plane or train or bus, we have established a method of transport to the Lodge.
Plane - There is a shuttle bus that runs from the Domestic and I/national terminus to the Brisbane Transit Centre, Roma St in central Brisbane. This shuttle bus leaves both the Transit Centre and the Airport every 1/2 hour from 5am till 2pm, and every 45mins from 2pm onwards. The journey from airport to transit centre takes about 40 mins. The shuttle bus costs \$9.00 for one person one way. If 2 people travel together, it costs \$15 one way. 3 together costs \$20 one way.

Train and bus - Your interstate journey finishes at the Brisbane Transit Centre in Roma St, central Brisbane.

We, the people in AVPQ, will pick up any interstate travellers from the Transit Centre and transport you to Cosmos Lodge on Mt Nebo on Sunday the 8th. When people arrive at the airport, we can be phoned and we will be at the Transit Centre when you arrive. For people who arrive by bus or train, please let us know what time you estimate arriving, and we will endeavour to collect you on arrival.

As the time draws closer, we will find a transport coordinator for you to contact.

Jobs:

Jan Pinnell will do the overall coordination. Her email address is janpinnell@bigpond.com.au

Jan is looking for emails from each state ie. the care bears, with regards to expressions of interest and interstate coordination.

Wendy Moore will do the catering and is looking forward to receiving details from last years caterers. Her email address is berc@berc.com.au

Registrations and Treasurer : Margaret is considering taking on this job and will confirm soon.

Agenda: We are open to assistance with the agenda. (Perhaps Katherine Smith can be a contact point for this)

Please contact the relevant person if you have questions, suggestions, information, want to get the double bed etc.

Looking forward to meeting with you all next Easter,
Healthy Heather
for the AVPQ Management Committee

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